



# Warren's finest fight downtown blaze

## Base firefighters assist local FD to battle flames



Warren’s own firefighters responded to a fire in downtown Cheyenne Dec. 27 and Dec. 28, 2004. They assisted the Cheyenne Fire and Rescue team in eliminating the blaze. The fire, which officials believe began in Mary’s Bake Shoppe on Lincolnway late Dec. 27, destroyed both the bakeshop and the neighboring Wyoming Home store.

Apart from the damage caused by the fire, there was also smoke damage that closed many downtown businesses such as the Wyoming Business Council and Wells Fargo.

“Our fire department provided a total of 282 man-hours during a 15-hour period,” said Chief John McDougall, Warren fire chief.

Along with the hours put in, our fire department provided a brush unit for transportation, Fire Engine No. 7 and a safety officer.

The Warren Fire Department, who recently won best Fire Department in the Air Force, played major roles in containing and battling the flames as they backed up Cheyenne Fire and Rescue.

“Basically we were backup,” said Chief McDougall. “If the firefighters get injured, we go in and rescue them.”

Firefighters from Warren also performed exposure protection.

“We had a large exposure line on neighboring facilities so they wouldn’t be involved in the fire,” said Chief McDougall.

Thanks to the professionalism and expertise of the Warren Fire Department in assisting local firefighters, our local community is safe again.

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